(एच०एस०सी०एल०) में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों की कुल संख्या निम्न प्रकार है:—

कार्यपालक	:	1565
गैर-कार्यपालक/श्रमिक	:	12452
कुल	:	14017

(ख) 1.6.1998 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार, एच०एस०सी०एल० के पास 61 परियोजनाएं हैं।

(ग) गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान कम्पनी को हुई हानि का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

वर्ष	हानि (करोड़ रुपये)
1993-94	86.50
1994-95	95.85
1995-96	114.64
1996-97	132.57
1997-98 (अनन्तिम)	225.90

(घ) एच०एस०सी०एल० में वेतन न दिए जाने के कारण निम्नलिखित हैं:—

(1) पांचवे वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों को स्वीकार करने और उन्हें लागू करने फलस्वरूप मजदूरी तथा वेतन में वृद्धि।

(2) अतिरिक्त कार्यबल।

(3) कारोबार में कमी।

(4) ग्राहकों से देय राशि की वसूली में विलम्ब।

Sail Losses

2853. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been incurring heavy losses during the recent period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the units under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) are suffering from heavy inventory stock for some time; and

(d) if so, the unit-wise details in this regard and also the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been consistently making profits for the last more than 10 years. It has earned a Net Profit (before tax) of Rs. 149 crores (provisional) in the last year, i.e. 1997-98.

(c) and (d) Due to adverse market situation arising out of depreseed demand and surplus availability, inventory had registered an increase in the units of Steel Authority of India Limited., However, during the first three months of the current financial year, inventory has been brought down from approximately 1.23 million tonnes (provisional) on 1st April, 1998 to approximately 1.14 million tonnes on 1st July, 1998.

Mining Projects in Private Sector

2854. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects in the mining industry that had been given to the private sector;

(b) the number out of them given to the foreign mining companies;

(c) the modalities adopted for giving the mining rights;

(d) the overall benefits of such leasing of mining rights to private parties;

(e) whether Government have identified any new areas for mining of precious metals in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Mining acitivity in the country has historically been undertaken both, by public sector as well as private sector comapnies. As on May, 1998 there were 8,752 mining leases which have been granted to private sector in the country.

(b) and (c) Prospecting and mining rights are granted by the concerned State